

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Concerning the Amendments

Nonelected Claims 11-12 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application containing these claims. New Claims 13 and 14 are supported throughout the original specification and claims, e.g. at the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 and in original Claim 2. Claim 7 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Concerning the Rejection under 35 USC 102/103

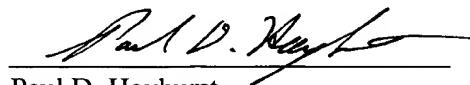
Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b)/103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson et al. (herein after Robinson) or Nagasuna et al. (herein after Nagasuna). Claims 1-8 also stand reject under 35 USC 102(e)/103(a) as being unpatentable over Collette et al. (herein after Collette) or Kitagawa.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teach or suggest steps (c) through (g) of Applicants' claims. It is further noted that Kitagawa uses an oil-in-water emulsion, whereas Applicants' claims are directed to a water-in-oil emulsion. Accordingly, the prior art neither teaches nor suggests Applicants' invention, and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the claims and passing of the application to allowance are solicited.

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